Public Health Acronyms



Are you wondering what an acronym means? Included is a list of acronyms commonly used in public health.

AEA Area Education Agency

CACFP Child and Adult Care Food Program

CAP Community Action Program, sometimes referred to as Community Action Agency

CARES Child and Adolescent Reporting System; the web-based data system used by Iowa

Title V agencies to record child health activities.

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CEA Community Empowerment Area

CH Child Health Program; refers to Title V Programs in Iowa.

CHIP Child Health Insurance Program (Title XXI), also referred to as SCHIP. The Iowa

program is known as hawk-i.

CHSC Child Health Specialty Clinics

CSFP Commodity Supplemental Food Program

DHHS Department of Health and Human Services; a federal agency

DHS Department of Human Services; a state agency with county offices

EFNEP Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, an Extension Service

program from USDA

EPSDT Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program

FIP Family Investment Program

FMNP Farmers Market Nutrition Program

FNP Family Nutrition Program, from USDA Extension

FP Family Planning Program

FQHC Federally Qualified Health Center

GTC Grants to Counties Water Well Program

hawk-i Healthy And Well Kids in Iowa, Iowa's Title XXI insurance program. Also

known as CHIP or SCHIP.

HHA Homemaker/Home Health Aide Program

Infant Immunization Initiative, the national initiative

I4 Iowa Infant Immunization Initiative

IDPH Iowa Department of Public Health

INEN Iowa Nutrition Education Network

ISIIS Iowa State Immunization Information System (also ADIOS)

MCH Maternal and Child Health Program

MH Maternal Health Program; refers to Title V Programs in Iowa

NAWD National Association of WIC Directors

NCHS National Center for Health Statistics

NCI National Cancer Institute

NET Nutrition Education Training Program

NHLBI National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

PATH Portable Access to Health, the WIC data system

PedNSS Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System

PHN Public Health Nursing

PNSS Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System

SCHIP State Children's Health Insurance Program (Title XXI) also referred to as

CHIP. The Iowa program is known as hawk-i.

USDA United States Department of Agriculture

USPHS United States Public Health Service

VFC Vaccine for Children

WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children